

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 20-35 and 37-58 are canceled in the Amendment submitted herewith. Claims 1-19 and 36 are therefore pending in the application.

II. Claims are Subject to Restriction Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

It is asserted in the Action, that Restriction of claims 1-58 to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 1-19, and 36 drawn to an isolated nucleic acid, classified for example in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group II: Claims 20-34, drawn to a polypeptide, classified for example in class 530, subclass 350.

Group III: Claim 35, drawn to an antibody, classified for example in class 530, subclass 387.1.

Group IV: Claims 37-38, drawn to a method for detecting a polypeptide, classified for example in class 436, subclass 500.

Group V: Claim 39, drawn to a kit comprising a compound that selectively binds, classified for example in class 530, subclass 300.

Group VI: Claims 40-41, drawn to a method of detecting a nucleic acid, classified for example in class 435, subclass 6.

Group VII: Claim 42, drawn to a kit for hybridizing, classified for example in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Group VIII: Claim 43, drawn to a method for identifying a compound that modulates, classified for example in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Group IX: Claims 44 and 55, drawn to a method for modulating activity of mGluR, classified for example in class 435, subclass 5.

Group X: Claims 45-47 and 56, drawn to a method for modulating neuronal cell signalling, classified for example in class 800, subclass 4.

Group XI: Claims 48-54 and 57-58, drawn to a method for treating a subject, classified for example in class 514, subclass 2.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, the invention according to claims 1-19 and 36, for examination in the present application. It is the Applicants' belief that claims 1-19 and 36 are in condition for allowance, and action towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned Agent at the number indicated.

The notice set a one-month period to comply, to and including December 4, 2003. Thus, this response is believed to be timely filed. Should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-1425.

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